

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Iqbal AHMED et al.  
Serial No.: 10/706,569  
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Examiner: Rip A. Lee  
Art Unit: 1713

For: **SUPERABSORBENT POLYMER HAVING DELAYED  
FREE WATER ABSORPTION**

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed January 3, 2006, Applicants hereby submit the following Remarks and Amendments to the Claims. In addition, please provide a one-month extension of time up to and including May 3, 2006, to answer the Office Action as provided for in 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge the one-month extension of time fee in the amount of \$120 to Deposit Account No. 502190. **If any additional fees for this response are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 502190.**

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.